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## Take this opportunity to share your views

2003 Session will bring legislative, fiscal challenges



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Dear Friend:

The 2003 legislative session has begun, which means the legislature will be working over the next few months to fulfill our constitutional duty of preparing a biennial budget. This will be no small task, as 33 states have reported revenue collections below forecasted levels through last October, and Indiana is no exception.

Nevertheless, I hope we can provide reasonable solutions to our budget problems, and my goal is that those solutions will allow Indiana residents an opportunity to improve our collective quality of life in this increasingly challenging time.

This year I was again named Speaker Pro Tempore. This position enables me to help mold ideas for economic development opportunities for Lake County.

As always, thank you for the opportunity to represent the 13th district, and please let me know if there is anything that I can do for you or your family.

Sincerely,

*Chet Dobis*



Rep. Dobis discusses legislation with Rep. Vernon Smith (D-Gary).

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## 2003 Legislative Survey

Please fill out the survey and mail it to me, or [complete the survey online at www.in.gov/H13](http://www.in.gov/H13). Another member of your household may respond in the second set of answers.

1. Should Indiana pass a plan that would protect Hoosiers from unsolicited e-mail, better known as "spam"?

☐ Yes ☐ No

2. Would you support a proposal to restrict the use of cell phones in moving automobiles?

☐ Yes ☐ No

3. With Indiana still recovering from the national recession, it is likely that lawmakers will have to make tough decisions in formulating a new biennial state budget. Which of these options would you choose in making those decisions?

☐ A. Cutting existing state programs  
☐ B. Raising additional taxes  
☐ C. Suspending some tax cuts until the economy has rebounded

4. If you support cutting funding for existing programs, which areas would you cut?

☐ A. Health care  
☐ B. Infrastructure such as roads and bridges  
☐ C. Corrections, including state prisons  
☐ D. Human services  
☐ E. K-12 education  
☐ F. Higher education  
☐ G. Incentives for economic development

5. What should be the state's priority in education funding?

☐ A. Expanded testing  
☐ B. Full-day kindergarten  
☐ C. Teacher training and professional development  
☐ D. School construction and renovation  
☐ E. Reduction in class size

6. Would you favor a food and beverage tax which would support increased regional transportation services, including buses and rail?

☐ Yes ☐ No

### Comments

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## Stay in touch

with Representative Dobis  
and the Indiana General Assembly

The 113th Session of the Indiana Legislature has just convened. Below are some of the ways to stay involved.

### Online

The official Web site for the State of Indiana is at [www.in.gov](http://www.in.gov). This is a good place to start if you're interested in information about Indiana and various government services.

Additionally, each representative has a Web site with information on his or her background, education and contact information. My site is at [www.in.gov/H13](http://www.in.gov/H13). There you may also learn about bills that I have filed, read past newsletters, and apply to become a page or an intern.

### E-mail updates

Would you like to receive e-mail updates with news from the Statehouse? You are always encouraged to contact me directly via e-mail, but I would also be happy to send you news from time to time about what is going on at the Statehouse.

To receive updates, e-mail me at [H13@in.gov](mailto:H13@in.gov) and ask to have your name added to the list, or **just include your e-mail address on the front of the survey response card**. It's a simple way to stay informed about the issues that impact our state and our district.

### Becoming a page

Serving as a page during the 2003 session allows any child age 13 or older the opportunity to gain a firsthand glimpse of how the legislative system works. Students will be excused from school on the day they are serving as a page and will spend the entire day at the Statehouse.

Interested students should send me their name, parent or guardian's name, address, phone number, school and two different dates when the student could come to the Statehouse between now and late April, 2003.

Please note that positions fill up quickly, so apply as soon as possible!

### In person

Sessions of the Indiana General Assembly are open to the public. You may observe the House yourself, seeing our democratic system at work. No need to schedule an appointment—you're always welcome. The House chamber has a visitors' gallery on the fourth floor from which you can view proceedings.

Whichever method you prefer, I hope that you'll keep informed and stay involved.

**Yes!**

Add my e-mail address to your update list!

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